

# Petition Drive May Be Too Late

A weekend blitz campaign resulted in more than 1,000 additional signatures on a petition seeking to put the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment on a special election ballot, a spokesman for proponents of the petition drive said Tuesday.

The twin petitions now have been signed by some 8,000 persons, according to Mrs. Carmen Rivera, spokesman for Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT), which is circulating the petitions.

The effort to force a vote on the urban renewal project appears, however, to be too late, according to Lawrence P. Irwin, deputy executive director of city's Redevelopment Agency.

**IRWIN TOLD** the Press-Herald that approval last week of the city's application for the project, and the impending release of \$3.5 million in federal funds, means the project will be in full swing shortly.

He said the Redevelopment Agency expects to begin buying homes in the 55.7-acre area by Oct. 1.

The petitions seek to abolish the Redevelopment Agency, thereby ending the renewal project, and to repeal the city's Uniform Housing Code.

**CITY ATTORNEY** Stanley Remelmeier, questioned Tuesday about the effect of the petition drive, refused comment. He has previously expressed doubt that the petitions would be valid.

ACT is seeking enough signatures to force a special election. That would require some 7,800 valid signatures. Under state law, the group must file the petitions with the City Council by Sept. 24.

## ... Assault

(Continued from Page 1) and said he tried to avoid the man standing in the street.

**SLOSS WAS** sent to the Youth Authority under a California law which permits the correction institution to determine sentence after several tests and observation of the convict.

Assault with a deadly weapon is punishable by 1 to 10 years in prison. Grand theft auto carries the same sentence, according to prosecuting attorney Robert Bartlet.

Bartlet, who prosecuted Sloss, said the youth may be kept in the California Youth Authority until he is 25 years old under law or he can be transferred to the prison system at any time prior or at his 25th birthday.

## Search for 2-Year-Old Continues

A search for a 2-year-old boy who was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital Saturday with a nickel lodged in his throat is continuing today.

The boy is in danger of choking to death if he is not treated immediately, hospital officials said.

He was taken to hospital by a man who gave his name as Leon Johnson, of 1622 169th St., but the man left with the boy before x-rays could be processed.

According to the hospital staff, Johnson is the same man who went to the hospital Aug. 7 for treatment of a fractured finger. The address and name he gave then were also fictitious, they said.

The man was said to be driving an old, white Cadillac. He was described as 5-foot-6, 180 pounds, with long, curly black hair streaked with grey. He was wearing blue trousers with a white shirt.

## ... Hospital

(Continued from Page 1) new hospital by the medical community," the administrator added. "We are under pressure to build a larger facility even before we break ground."

**THE NEW HOSPITAL** represents a merger between Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals. Groundbreaking is scheduled for next April.

The hospital is continuing a drive for some \$3 million in local funds which will be used to supplement state and federal funds.

## Plan Pot Luck

Area residents are invited to attend a public pot-luck dinner sponsored by Odd Fellow Lodge tonight at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, located at 2326 Cabrillo Ave., according to publicity chairman Thelma Thorpe.

# Five Persons Injured In Weekend Accidents

Five persons were injured in two separate accidents involving vehicles making left turns within a one-half hour period Monday evening in Torrance.

A two-car collision at Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards at 6 p.m. Monday injured three passengers as both autos attempted to cross the intersection on a yellow light.

Injured were Elaine Reidy, 29, and her daughter Lisa, 4, both of 210 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, and 4-year-old Bathsheba Maalouf, 209 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., who was riding in a vehicle driven by Patricia Alexandria Carter, 22, of 209 S. Pacific Coast Hwy.

The injured Reidys were taken to Kaiser Hospital while Maalouf was treated in Little Company of Mary Hospital. All three complained of pain, but there were no apparent injuries.

**DRIVER OF THE** other vehicle, Mildred Margaret Kruger, 44, of 1018 Sierra Place, escaped injury along with Carter, but their autos were heavily damaged.

Investigators said the women attempted to cross the intersection on a yellow light. Carter's vehicle was eastbound on Torrance Boulevard and struck Mrs. Kruger's auto as she made a left turn in front of the Carter auto.

At the time of impact, police estimated that the Kruger woman's car was traveling at about 15 mph while the second vehicle was traveling at 35 mph.

**ONLY A HALF HOUR** later, an auto driven by Romona Jeanne Ganske, 37, of 20342 Wayne Ave., collided with a car driven by Sydney Claude Woolley, 25, of 23228 Los Cadona Ave., in a similar accident.

Mrs. Ganske's vehicle was struck as she was turning left on Anza while on Narrot Street, resulting in total damage to her auto. The second vehicle was also heavily damaged.

Although both women were injured, only Mrs. Ganske was taken to South Bay Hospital for treatment.

## Jail Two Youths in Auto Theft

Torrance patrol officers captured two men in connection with the theft of a carburetor off a foreign car Sunday night as they allegedly fled the scene at 3753 W. Artesia Blvd.

Apprehended with a \$25 carburetor in their auto were John Remlinger, 18, of 3621 W. 182nd St., and a 16-year-old juvenile. Both suspects were found to have tools and a flashlight, allegedly used to commit the theft.

The pair were arrested at 171st Street and Ainsworth Avenue by officers Donald Morrison and Taylor.

Officers were alerted by the vehicle's owner, Mitchell Chodkouski, 44, 3752 W. Artesia Blvd. Apt. 7 who said he saw the men removing the item from his car parked on the street.

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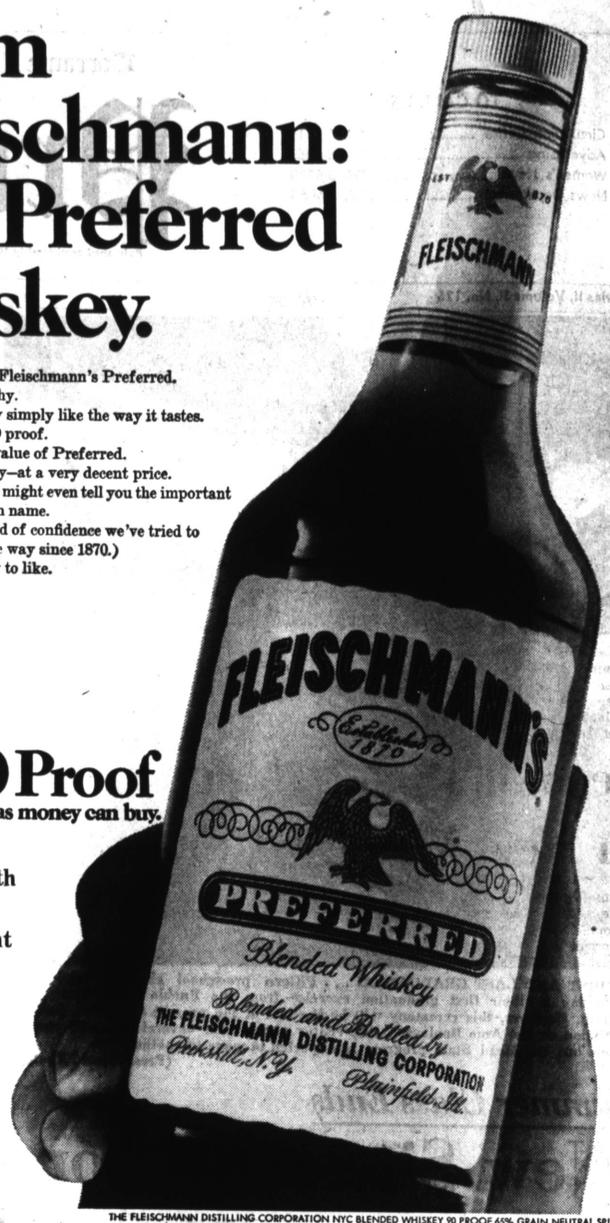
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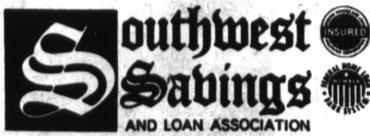
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